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SUBJECT: SAKHAROV VISIT TO EMBASSY

LENINGRAD ALSO FOR AMBASSADOR STOESSEL

REF: A. MOSCOW 17531; B. STATE 256600

1. DCM CALLED IN AT 10:30 A.M. BY MIKHAILOV, ACTING CHIEF USA DIVISION IN MFA. TO RECEIVE FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT:

QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO CALL THE FOLLOWING TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION. AS THE MINISTRY HAS LEARNED, MEMBERS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE RECENTLY ENTERED INTO CONTACT WITH A.D. SAKHAROV.

THE EMBASSY IS DOUBTLESS AWARE OF THE DISLOYAL ATTITUDE OF SAKHAROV TO THE SOVIET SYSTEM, OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN ANTISOCIAL ACTS WHICH HAVE THE AIM OF BLACKENING SOVIET REALITY AND ALSO DAMAGING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. QUESTIONS REGARDING HIS TIES WITH MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY CANNOT FAIL TO ARISE AMONG THE SOVIET PUBLIC, WHICH HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS PRINCIPLED EVALUATION OF SAKHAROV'S PERSONALITY. SUCH CONTACTS CANNOT SERVE THE INTERESTS OF AN IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

THE MINISTRY HOPES THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE WILL TAKE DUE ACCOUNT OF THIS COMMUNICATION. END QUOTE.

- 2. DCM STATED THAT HE WOULD CONVEY MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT AND INFORMED MIKHAILOV UNOFFICIALLY THAT SAKHAROV HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CONSUL REGARDING VISA APPLICATIONS BY HIS STEPDAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW, WHO WISH TO STUDY AT MIT. IN OUR VIEW, AND WE PRESUME MINISTRY'S ALSO, IT IS NORMAL CONSULAR FUNCTION TO CONSULT WITH VISA APPLICANTS, DCM SAID. MIKHAILOV WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT SAKHAROV HAD MADE APPOINTMENT WITH CONSUR FOR 11:00 A.M. REGARDING THESE VISA APPLICATIONS AND THAT DR. WIESNER OF MIT HAD EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN THE MATTER.
- 3. SAKHAROV APPEARED ON SCHEDULE WITH STEPDAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND FOR CONSULAR INTERVIEW. LETTER QUOTED REF A WAS DELIVERED. SAKHAROV DID NOT ASK TO SEE ANYONE OTHER THAN CONSUL AND IN VIEW SOVIET SENSITIVITY EXPRESSED IN MIKHAILOV'S DEMARCHE DCM DID NOT RPT NOT INVITE SAKHAROV TO APARTMENT FOR COFFEE.
- 4. FULL REPORT ON INTERVIEW FOLLOWS. STOESSEL UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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